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1. WISH CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO REF, WHICH RESULT OF SERIES OF PLANNING SESSIONS IN WHICH COS PARTICIPATED.

2. STATEMENT ON CAS IN PARA FOUR C OF REF REFERS TO PROVINCE DETACHMENTS, AND SHOULD NOT BE READ AS ATTEMPT TO REDUCE STATION SIZE BY EMBASSY FIAT. WE HAVE HOWEVER AGREED THAT IF CEASE-FIRE SITUATION HOLDS WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANTLY AND PRIMARILY THROUGH CUTTING FIELD REPRESENTATION IN THOSE PROVINCES WHICH ARE OF RELATIVELY LITTLE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

3. RE PARA 8 OF REF, [REDACTED] IS SLATED TO BECOME CHIEF OF FIELD OPERATIONS UNDER PROPOSED SET-UP.

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DATE: 7 Nov 72

TO: Ex. Dir. - Comptroller

FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Would you please look over the attached two cables and let me know what you think of the line of approach reflected therein. It bears some resemblance to an idea you suggested in one of our recent conversations, but also strikes me as having some differences that could prove critical. As you well know, the time to weigh in on a problem of this nature is when organizational outlines are still being pondered and positions have not yet jelled.

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